

DOMAINE PHILÉMON GAILLAC ROUGE “BRAUCOL” 2022



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APPELLATION GAILLAC CONTRÔLÉE



Mathieu VIEULES Vigneron - "Les Allès" 81130 Villeneuve sur Vère
Bottled at the estate - Product of France

Appellation: Gaillac
Vintage: 2022
Grower: Mathieu Vieules
Terroir: Decomposed limestone

Style: Red
Type: Still
Grape Varietals: Brau col
Viticulture: Organic
Aging: Cement

History/Farming: Domaine Philémon is located in Villeneuve-sur-Vère, a small village on the Vère river in between Albi and Cordes in the northeast quadrant of the Gaillac appellation. The Vieules family have had a vineyard in Villeneuve since 1804. Today the vineyard is run by Mathieu Vieules who grows wheat, sunflowers and grapes in equal proportions. All of his land is farmed organically, certified in 2013. The domain takes its name from Mathieu's great-grandfather, Philemon, who in 1914 was the first generation to produce wine commercially. In 2003 Mathieu became the first to estate bottle his family's wines. Along with his other crops, Mathieu has twenty hectares of vineyards in production along the Cordes plateau on south facing slopes with a calcerous soil. They are planted almost entirely to the traditional Gaillac grape varieties: Loin de L'oeil, Mauzac and Muscadelle for the whites, and Brau col (Fer Servadou), Duras, Prunelart and Jurançon Noir for the reds. The vines are largely trained in the gobelet fashion meaning that they are head pruned and yields are kept exceedingly low; 40 hl/h for the whites and 30hl/h for the reds. A good proportion of the vines are more than fifty years old and the harvest is done entirely by hand. In addition to being certified organic the domain is a member of Nature et Progrès, an organization that certifies natural wine.

Wine Profile: The cuvée "Brau col" is produced from a one-hectare parcel named "Croix d'Azal" planted by Mathieu in 2003. Brau col is the name used in Gaillac for the Fer Servadou grape. This cuvée is a wonderful expression of Brau col showing its typical woody floral aromas and spiciness. The word "brau col" derives from the root "brau" which in local patois signifies taureau, the bull. This is no raging bull, but one who lives peacefully in the pasture content to smell the flowers.

Tasting Notes: Ripe red fruit with smokey overtones, lush palate, good balance and soft tannins.